BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-326-C - ORDER NO. 97-1065

DECEMBER 29, 1997

IN RE: Request of GTE South, Inc. to Expand

ORDER GRANTING

the Local Calling Scope of Lamar.

RECONSIDERATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of GTE South, Inc. (GTE or the Company) for reconsideration of our Order No. 97-998, dated November 20, 1997, which expanded the Lamar, South Carolina local calling area.

Upon due consideration, we grant reconsideration of the Order, and hold all matters therein in abeyance until oral presentations may be scheduled. We hold that, during these oral presentations (which shall be scheduled by Staff), all interested parties may present their comments to us on the matter of expanding the local calling area of Lamar, South Carolina.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive De Pector

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